

# IMPOSE DRASTIC PENALTIES FOR DISLOYAL ACTS

## 3,000 Men Employed at U. S. Naval Bases Walk Out

### OTHER WORKERS JOIN STRIKE OF CARPENTERS ON GOV'T WORK

War Industries Interrupted When Workers in the Allied Trades Drop Their Tools

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, Va., April 2.—Governor Roads district was interrupted yesterday by a strike of several thousand carpenters and other workers. Plans involved are the Hampton Roads naval base, the army depot at Bush Bluff and the ordnance depot at Pig's Point, all near Norfolk, and the Langley aviation field at Hampton.

The carpenters inaugurated the strike for an increase in pay and at some of the plants a sympathetic strike among metal workers, plumbers and engineers followed. Union leaders said last night that the strike was not a union movement, but government officials and contractors said that most of the men involved are union men and that they accepted this as evidence that the strike was the result of concerted union action.

Chairman Burroughs of the Norfolk county draft board, announced last night that his board immediately would review all classifications and that men involved in the strike served with service papers.

The strike started at the naval base where leaders of the strikers claimed some 3000 men were out. At Bush Bluff where an immense ammunition depot is constructed, 500 carpenters were said to have walked out, followed by men in other trades. All carpenters engaged in building the ordnance depot at Pig's Point were said by union men to have quit work while some 500 men, principally carpenters, employed at Langley field, were reported to have struck. Major Butler at the army base at Bush Bluff said last night that a few of the strikers there had been induced to return to work. It was also announced that Major Gitchels had been ordered here from Washington to attempt to settle the controversy between the men and the contractors.

### GERMAN STORM BATTALION GETS ACROSS RIVER; NEVER RETURNS

Attempt of the Huns to Cross the Oise Results in Frightful Losses

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, March 31.—(Delayed)—A daring attempt by the Germans to cross the Oise today and form a bridgehead permitting them to cross the river was frustrated by the French. One of the famous storm battalions succeeded in getting over near Chauny but never returned. It was almost entirely annihilated. There remained only about 100 unwounded men, whom the French took prisoners.

Nearly all the bridges crossing the Oise have been destroyed and the French hold strong positions on the southern bank, while all fords are covered by artillery.

More to the north in the region of Moreuil, the Germans, for the moment at least, appear to have renounced their general attacks and resorted to local actions. Two of these were extremely violent between Marcel cave and the Somme. They came against the sternest resistance from the French, who repulsed them after very severe fighting. Other attacks occurred on the right bank of the Somme about the same period of the day and these also met with failure.

Sankuary engagements in which the combatants again came to close fighting and individual combats took place about the Laasigny sector.

### OFFICIALS ARREST ALLEGED SPIES

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 2.—Salindra Nath Ghose, a Hindu, and Agnes Smedley, a young woman from California, who recently were arrested here, were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on charges of being concerned in a conspiracy to violate the espionage act and of acting as agents in this country for the Indian nationalist party, a body of alleged insurgents opposed to government by Great Britain.

With the couple were indicted Pulin B. Bose, Tarak Nath Das, Jadu Gopal Mokerjee and Bhai Bhagwan Singh, all Hindus.

### SWEEPING AMENDMENT REGARDING SPIES IS ADOPTED BY U. S. SENATE

Prescribes Imprisonment for Twenty Years and Fine of Ten Thousand Dollars

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—The senate judiciary committee in reporting the bill imposing drastic penalties on disloyal acts has adopted the amendment prescribing imprisonment for twenty years and a fine of \$10,000 "for whoever shall by word or act support or favor the cause of Germany, its allies or by word or act oppose the United States." It also approved the same penalties for the obstruction of government war bond issues or for wilfully "attempting" as well as actual attempts to obstruct recruiting or enlistments in the army.

The amendment makes it unlawful "for persons in the presence or hearing of others to utter any disloyal, threatening, scurrilous, contemptuous, slurring, abusing or seditious language about the government of the United States, constitution, presidential flag, uniform, army, navy or any other language calculated to bring any agencies or men into contempt, scorn, contumely or disrepute or incite resistance."

### PRESAGES CONTROL OF PACKING HOUSES

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, April 2.—President Wilson's action looking toward the stabilization of meat prices throughout the nation which was considered as presaging virtual control of the packing companies by the government for the period of the war, was commented upon in the following statement issued by J. Ogden Armour:

"Armour & Company is unqualifiedly and unreservedly for whatever course the President decides to be the best method whereby to utilize the packing industry as an efficient contributor to a successful solution of the war problems both at and behind the firing line. Whether the President's decision be to regulate, to control, or to take over and operate our plants and properties, count Armour & Company among the soliders."

### BRITISH CAPTURE PRISONERS AND GUNS

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, April 2.—The British captured fifty prisoners and thirteen machine guns on the sector between the Avre and Luce rivers yesterday. Near Hebuterne the British captured machine guns, prisoners and repulsed the German counter attack. The morning newspapers greet as an historic action the decision to place American units in the brigades with the French and British battalions for immediate participation in the fighting on the west front. The Daily Telegraph says: "The part President Wilson played in the deliberations resulted in a decision not to be forgotten by the people of Europe who owe much to his strength and resourceful statesmanship."

### JAPAN TO TREAT RUSSIA AS FRIEND

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, March 31.—(Delayed)—The statement made by Foreign Minister Montono in addressing a joint session of parliament today, that in the event Japan is compelled to send troops into Siberia, there is no intention whatever of treating Russia as an enemy, and that Japan will never adopt an aggressive policy such as Germany is pursuing in Europe, has excited especial interest. The Ozaki opposition has criticized the government for not making a similar declaration before, when Russia was at a loss to know what to do. It is believed that Russians assisting Germans in Siberia should be regarded as enemies.

Viscount Yasuya Uchida, the Japanese ambassador to Russia, who has arrived here, is quoted as saying that he doubts Germany intends to attack India.

### AMERICANS ALSO TO HAVE SUPER CANNON

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—Plans for a super-cannon, a great gun of long range, possibly similar to the one with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris, have been submitted to Secretary Daniels by naval ordnance experts after months of experiment. It is understood, however, that the report includes a statement that the ordnance officers do not believe the military value of such a weapon would compensate for the time and money which must be spent in perfecting and developing it.

Reports were heard in some quarters yesterday that a range of 105 miles was expected of the gun now under consideration. Secretary Daniels would not discuss the matter in any way.

### FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, Monday, April 1.—Armenians and Georgians have formed a large army for the defense of the district of Batum, Kara and Ardahan in the Caucasus against the Turks who have begun a military occupation by virtue of the Brest Litovsk treaty. Fierce fighting is reported. The Georgians seized most of the Russian warships and have taken them to the Black Sea. The entire population of Georgia is mobilized to oppose the invaders.

### BRITISH HURL AN AVALANCHE OF STEEL

(By Associated Press.)  
AT BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, April 2.—The British stormed strongly held positions in the wood along the Luce river yesterday. The Germans withdrew leaving the ground strewn with dead. The Germans organized two counter attacks in an attempt to retake their positions but both were caught in the British barrage and broken.

(By Associated Press.)  
AT BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, Monday, April 1.—The German attack along the Scarpe on March 29 had Arras and the formidable Vimy ridge as objectives. It was carefully planned and supported by a heavy assault from the south and southwest of Arras, units of at least eleven German divisions being employed. The main result achieved by the Germans was a swelling of the already great list of casualties. During the early morning the German artillery opened a terrific bombardment and when it became obvious that the enemy intended to attack the British unloaded an avalanche of steel against every known place of assembly the Germans might be using.

### PREDICT DISLOYAL VOTE FOR BERGER

(By Associated Press.)  
MILWAUKEE, April 2.—Showers, according to the weather man, may be looked for today when Wisconsin voters go to the polls in the momentous special senatorial election. In the closing days of the campaign Republicans, with Congressman Irvine Lenroot as their candidate, and the Democrats, led by Joseph E. Davies, predict that the disloyal vote would go to Victor L. Berger, the Socialist candidate, and even to admit that not all of the Berger vote could be counted as pro-German, as the party had attained notable strength in the state before the war broke out in 1914. Whatever Berger polls, however, above his normal strength will be credited by Democrats and Republicans to the German who cares more for his native than his adopted country—"more for his mother than his step-mother," as it has been phrased.

Mr. Lenroot and his forces have not attacked the loyalty of the Democrats, nor have the latter seriously attacked that of Mr. Lenroot, although he has been called upon to defend his attitude before America entered the war.

### GERMANS CAPTURE, THEN LOSE WOOD

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, via London, April 2.—German troops have captured the heights of Moreuil and also a wood on the western bank of the Avre river, according to the official report from headquarters yesterday.

"The prisoners have increased to more than 75,000," the statement adds.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, April 2.—"Between Moreuil and Hangard," says the war office statement last night on the situation in the battle zone, "British cavalry in a brilliant counter attack retook a wood which had been lost previously."

### FALL KILLS AIRMAN; COMPANION ESCAPES

(By Associated Press.)  
WICHITA FALLS, Tex., April 2.—Second Lieutenant Byron Jackson, Jr., of San Francisco, was instantly killed at Call field about 4:30 p. m. yesterday when the machine in which he was flying crashed to earth out of control, from a distance of 1500 feet. A cadet who was with Lieutenant Jackson was slightly injured.

### AMERICA'S TRADE SHOWING INCREASE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—A tremendous increase in America's trade with Asia is the most notable feature of the commercial year, according to an announcement yesterday by the federal department of commerce. Japanese tonnage virtually has been free for the large demands made on shipping flying other allied flags in the Atlantic and transportation facilities in the Pacific have remained almost normal, while war needs were curtailing the available space elsewhere.

Imports for February, the statement said, increased \$8,000,000, while exports declined \$56,000,000, compared with February of last year. For the first eight months of the fiscal year imports amounted to \$1,841,316,109, an increase of \$294,000,000 over last year. The exports were \$3,863,348,227, which was \$219,000,000 less than last year. Consequently the trade balance of \$2,022,032,117 is less than \$500,000,000 than in 1917.

### NEBRASKA WON'T RATIFY AMENDMENT

(By Associated Press.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., April 2.—There will be no ratification of the federal prohibition amendment at the present special session of the Nebraska legislature unless the senate at some future date votes to reconsider and defeat a resolution passed late yesterday providing that the business of the upper house be limited to the legislation specified by Governor Keith Neville in his proclamation calling the legislature together.

As no mention was made of the prohibition question in the governor's call for the session, adoption of the resolution limiting the senate's business will prevent the upper house from taking action on the act which was passed earlier in the day. The house voted to ratify the amendment by a vote of 66 to 7. The senate's vote to prevent consideration of the amendment was 18 to 4.

### GAS MASKS FOR USE IN FRANCE DAMAGED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—Senator Thomas in the senate today declared that 2900 out of 5000 gas masks intended for use in France were found defective. After the defectives had been discarded a number later on were found among those passed by the inspection, he said, which were assorted masks damaged by small perforations made by persons in the factory. He charged that spies were interfering.

INCREASES CREDITS  
(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—The loan of two hundred millions to England has increased America's credits to the allies to more than five billion.

### THRIFT STAMP SALES REACH \$54,000,000

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—Sales of war savings and thrift stamps in March were \$54,000,000, and brought the total receipts from that source in the four months since the war savings campaign started to \$128,600,000. Officials estimated, however, that actual sales, some of which have not been reported, had been about \$150,000,000. War savings workers are planning on making special efforts during the Liberty Loan campaign, which opens Saturday, to sell more \$5 stamps.

### CANCEL EXEQUATEUR

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—Mexican officials at Guaymas have cancelled the exequatur of American Consul Simpich and of the British representative, according to advices received today. It is reported that the action resulted from the consul's action to prevent trade with black-listed firms. Officials believe that German influence inspired the Mexican authorities.

### BRITISH STEAMER LOST

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, April 2.—The British armed boarding steamer Tithonus was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine March 28, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty. One mercantile officer and three naval ratings were lost.

### FOIL DESTRUCTIVE PLAN

(By Associated Press.)  
MISSOULA, Mont., April 2.—An apparent plan to destroy the distribution system of the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation company, upon which a great portion of the Bitter Root valley depends for water during the growing season, was foiled yesterday by discovery of kerosene and kindling under a big flume near Hamilton.

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